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For the first time in about two years the Zeiss Jena works are encountering difficulties over materials. The chief shortage is quartz. During the past year quartz was procured by way of various East Bloc countries. Since February 1954 it has no longer been possible to obtain quartz in this way. The production of the quartz smelting plants in central Germany is not enough to meet the requirements of the Zeiss works alone.

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